

in that quarter, in order to complete or commence similar ones in other districts, for whose Internal Improvement his services had been asked of the Legislature, and granted. Too late to have called in another aid, in the shape of a professional commissioner from Delaware; or in calling for such aid only to incur considerable and perhaps useless expense—for besides the time which must have elapsed ere it could have been answered, a considerable portion of the work could be achieved before a stranger could have been rendered familiar with the preceding steps in the work, so as properly to take up and connect his own; and continually in hope that circumstances would permit, according to arrangement, the return of his colleague from Virginia, whose aid had been already so valuable—the Undersigned applied himself solely and unremittingly to the acquisition, by the proper means, of such details as would enable the Board of Commissioners to lay before the Legislatures of the several States, that of Delaware in particular, whose sessions are only biennial, such an estimate of the work to be executed as would justify immediate action of some sort. An effort was made to prepare a report, proper for this end, to be presented at this period; but a protraction of the field-duties until an unusually late season, and the closet-work necessary to accompany and illustrate the report of the Geologist for the past year, have made it necessary to delay the other for a few days longer. A brief report, specifying the causes of this delay and indicating the time of delivering one more full and final, has been already transmitted to your Excellency. In that document, when handed in, will be found all the detailed information, in which some may feel interested, of the steps taken to insure accuracy and promote celerity in the execution of the work—and in the charts which will accompany it, an illustration of the mode employed in collecting materials for the New map of Maryland.

The survey of the Pocomoke river from the head of tide to the line of Delaware—a resolution for the survey of which, passed on the 14th of March, 1832—was contemplated to be joined and carried on simultaneously with the survey of the coast from Cape Charles to Cape Henlopen, and to be prosecuted after a similar manner, so as to render it applicable to the purposes and reduction of the New map; but at the period when the operations of the coast survey were in the neighborhood of the Pocomoke, late rains and freshets, according to information received, had rendered it either impassable, or at least made for the sur-